

ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS

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~~Disclosed is a~~ A method of producing an immersion nozzle for continuous casting, which ~~comprises~~ includes integrally molding a first zirconia-graphite compound applied to a powder-line portion of the nozzle, and a second compound applied to at least an inner hole portion of the nozzle. The second compound includes 10 mass% or more of clinker particles each containing CaO as a mineral phase, and the surface of at least a part of the clinker particles is subjected to an anti-hydration treatment, such as a heat treatment to be performed under a CO₂ atmosphere to convert CaO to CaCO₃. The method ~~of the present invention~~ can suppress volume expansion caused by the reaction between CaO and water released from resin added as binder, so as to prevent the occurrence of cracks during a burning process of the molded piece.